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SUBJECT: MGRW02: OPERATION TURQUOISE DEVELOPMENTS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: TWO RWANDAN ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE FROM THE
FRENCH PERSPECTIVE WERE P.M. BALLADUR'S JULY 26 RADIO
INTERVIEW ON OPERATION TURQUOISE AND A HEADS-UP FROM
THE QUAI THAT THE RPF HAD TEMPORARILY REVERSED ITSELF

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ON THE TRANSFER OF AFRICAN TROOPS FROM TURQUOISE TO
UNAMIR. END SUMMARY

3. P.M. EDOUARD BALLADUR'S LONG INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT
ON RFI, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TODAY (JULY 27) FOR
AFRICA, DEVOTED SEVERAL MINUTES TO QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS ON OPERATION TURQUOISE. BALLADUR DUCKED A
QUESTION ON WHETHER FRENCH TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN THE
HUMANITARIAN ZONE (HZ) AFTER AUGUST 21 IF UNAMIR UNITS
WERE NOT IN PLACE. HE REPLIED ONLY THAT HE "COULD NOT
BELIEVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CANNOT GET A FEW
THOUSAND TROOPS IN PLACE BY THE DEADLINE, GIVEN THAT
THE TERMINAL DATE FOR OUR MANDATE HAS BEEN KNOWN FROM
THE START."

4. RESPONDING TO CRITICISM THAT OPERATION TURQUOISE
HAS HELPED MOBUTU GET BACK IN THE GOOD GRACES OF WORLD
OPINION, BALLADUR SAID ZAIRE HAD "OPENED ITS TERRITORY
TO OUR HUMANITARIAN ACTION...AND WE HAVE DEALT WITH THE
COUNTRY'S AUTHORITIES. WOULD YOU SUGGEST WE REJECT
THEIR HELP?" HE INQUIRED.

5. BALLADUR ALSO RESPONDED TO A QUERY ON FRANCE'S
POSITION WITH REGARD TO CALLS FOR A WAR CRIMES

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TRIBUNAL, BY SAYING "WE RESPECT ALL UN DECISIONS" AND
WILL SUPPORT THEIR ACTION, BUT "WE WILL NOT BE THE
POLICE IN THIS AFFAIR" TO MAKE ARRESTS.

6. A QUAI SOURCE TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU
REJECTED THE DEAL CUT BY P.M. TWAGIRAMUNGU AND QUAI
SECGEN DUFOURCQ TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF AFRICAN UNITS
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FROM OPERATION TURQUOISE TO UNAMIR. THE GOF HOPES TO
TURN THIS AROUND, BUT WILL DELAY INTEGRATING FURTHER
AFRICAN ELEMENTS INTO TURQUOISE.
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